

SOVIET PRAISES BOOK ON OSWALD-C.I.A. TIE

MOSCOW, Nov. 1 (UPI) — The Soviet Union gave praise today to a book charging that Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy, was a "discredited agent" for the Central Intelligence Agency in the pay of ultra-right-wing Texans.

The book, "The Truth About Kennedy's Death—and Why the Warren Report Lied," was written by a German-American author, Joachim Joesten.

Mr. Joesten's book received a five-page review in a Soviet magazine, Novy Vremya, indicating that the Soviet press might be ready to wash its hands of Oswald by fostering a version of the assassination contradicting the entire Warren report.

The Soviet press has not accepted the official finding of the Warren Commission that Oswald acted alone in slaying President Kennedy.

Mr. Joesten believes that Oswald went to Russia as a C.I.A. man but was "seen through" and recalled by the United States. "The C.I.A. tried to send him to Cuba but failed," the author said.

It was then that "Dallas ultra-rightists were plotting an attempt on President Kennedy's life," the book says. "For them, Oswald was a find."

Last August, the Soviet Government newspaper, Izvestia, and the trade union paper, Trud, printed articles describing the theories of Mr. Joesten. In the articles, President Johnson was accused of seizing power and maneuvering to cover up "the ultra-right-wing plot" to kill Mr. Kennedy.